

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

1 2. (currently amended) The method defined in claim
2 [[1]] 9 wherein said filaments are produced with a spinnerette and
3 are then cooled.

1 3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein
2 said filaments are collected on a continuously moved foraminous
3 belt.

1 4. (original) The method defined in claim 3, further
2 comprising drawing air through said belt from below said belt in a
3 region at which said filaments are collected on said belt with at
4 least one suction device.

1 5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein
2 said filaments are treated with said wetting agent after the
3 filaments have been collected into a spun-bond web on said belt.

1 6. (original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein
2 said wetting agent is a surfactant.

1 7. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 6
2 wherein said spun-bond webs and the layer are [[is]]
3 hydrodynamically consolidated by training water jets thereon.

.1 8. (new) A method of making a laminate comprising the
2 steps of sequentially:

3 treating two spun-bond webs formed of endless
4 thermoplastic synthetic-resin filaments with wetting agents;
5 applying a layer of hydrophilic fibers to one of the
6 treated spun-bond webs;

7 applying the other of the treated spun-bond webs on the
8 layer of hydrophilic fibers on the one treated spun-bond web; and
9 hydrodynamically consolidating together the two treated
10 spun-bond webs and the layer of hydrophilic fibers between them.

1 9. (new) The method defined in claim 8 wherein the
2 spun-bond webs are made by:

3 forming endless filaments of thermoplastic synthetic
4 resin;

5 collecting the endless filaments; and
6 precompacting the collected endless filaments.

1 10. (new) The method defined in claim 9 further
2 comprising the step of
3 bonding together the endless filaments at crossover
4 points.